

we are incapable of a single effort to retain them. (To James Madison, written in Paris, 1787. F. IV., 364.)

MISSISSIPPI.—We have a right to the navigation of the Mississippi—first, by nature; second, by treaty. It is necessary to us. More than half the territory of the United States is on the waters of that river. Two hundred thousand of our citizens are settled on them, of whom forty thousand bear arms. These have no other outlet for their tobacco, rice, corn, hemp, house timber, ship timber. We have hitherto respected the decision of Spain, because we wish peace;—because our western citizens have had vent at home for their productions. A surplus of productions begins turn- to demand foreign markets. Whenever they shall say, "We cannot, we will not, be longer shut up," the United States will be reduced to the following- dilemma: First, to force them to acquiescence; second, to separate from them, rather than to take part in a war against Spain; third, to preserve them in our Union by joining them in the war. * * * 'phe tiu_ni is the alternative we must adopt. (From instruetimis to the United Slates Charge D'Affaires in Spain, 1790. P. V., JJ5-)

Missoirut Oi'KSTioN.—The Missouri is not a moral question, but one. merely of power. Its object is to raise a geographical principle for the choice of a President, and the noise will be kept up until that is effected. All know that permitting the slaves of the. South to spread into the West will not add one being to that unfortunate condition, that it will increase the happiness of those existing, and by spreading them over a larger surface, will dilute the evil everywhere, and facilitate the means of getting finally rid of it, an event more anxiously wished by those, on whom it presses than by the noisy pretenders to exclusive humanity. In the meantime, it is a ladder for rivals climbing l« power. (To M. de La Fayette, 1820.

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MONARCH Y.—With respect to the State of

Virginia, the people seem to have laid aside the monarchal, and taken up the Republican government, with as much ease as would have attended their throwing off an old and putting on a new suit of clothes.